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Applicant: Grant W. Doney  
Application/Control Number: 09/865,722  
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Title: Modified thermoplastic composition and method of production of same  
  
Group/Art Unit: 1711  
Examiner: Ana L. Woodward  
  
Docket Number: 3343.14

January 22, 2003

ATTENTION: Legal Instruments Examiner

**Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) of 12/30/2002**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find enclosed a corrected resubmission of amended claims in response to Notice of Non-Compliance of 12/30/2002 as regards Patent Application 09/865,722, and as concurrently sent via facsimile to Fax No. 703-872-9035 on January 22, 2003.

Claims 29-68 are included in the clean version.

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## Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)

The amendment filed on 11/20/02 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on September 8, 2000 (see 65 Fed. Reg. 54603, Sept. 8, 2000, and 1238 O.G. 77, Sept. 19, 2000). In order for the amendment to be compliant, applicant must supply the following omissions or corrections in response to this notice.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE REQUIRED FOR COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 1.121 (APPLICANT NEED NOT RE-SUBMIT THE ENTIRE AMENDMENT):

- ☐ 1. A clean version of the replacement paragraph(s)/section(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(ii).
- ☐ 2. A marked-up version of the replacement paragraph(s)/section(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iii).
- ☒ 3. A clean version of the amended claim(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(i).
- ☐ 4. A marked-up version of the amended claim(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

Explanation: Claims 29-68 are missing from the clean version.

(LIE: Please provide specific details for correction to assist the applicant. For example, "the clean version of claim 6 is missing.")

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP § 714 and the USPTO website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/olia/pbg/sampleaf.pdf>. ~~A condensed version of a sample amendment format is attached.~~

- ☐ **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT:** Unless applicant supplies the omission or correction to the preliminary amendment in compliance with revised 37 CFR 1.121 noted above within ONE MONTH of the mail date of this letter, examination on the merits may commence without entry of the originally proposed preliminary amendment. This notice is not an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, and this ONE MONTH time limit is not extendable.
- ☒ **AMENDMENT AFTER NON-FINAL ACTION:** Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction noted above in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

[Signature]  
Legal Instruments Examiner (LIE)